Stetson University
Fall Commencement

Saturday, December 18, 1999
Nine O'Clock
Edmunds Center
DeLand, Florida

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Program

President H. Douglas Lee, Presiding
Professor W. Wayne Dickson, University Mace Bearer
Professor Robert W. Weickel, Vice President Judson P. Stryker
and Vice President James R. Beasley, University Marshals

Processional — *Processional Fanfare* — Elgar Howarth

Stetson University Brass Ensemble
David Schmidt, Director

Invocation — Laura Walters Baskett, University Chaplain

Welcome — H. Douglas Lee, President

Senior Address — Lisa Jill Marsh

Commencement Address — David Dysart
Associate Professor of Foreign Languages
1999 Recipient of the McEniry Award for Excellence in Teaching

Music — *Whistle Down the Wind* — Andrew Lloyd Webber

DeOnzell Green, Class of 2000
Michael Rickman, Professor of Music

Recognition of Honor Graduates — James Woodward, Chair, Council of Deans

The Conferring of Degrees — H. Douglas Lee

The audience is asked to stand during the Processional and the Recessional.
During the Recessional, please remain at your seat until all graduates have reached the exits.

Installation of New Alumni

Gary A. Meadows
Associate Vice President for Alumni Relations

Alma Mater

Dear Alma Mater, smile upon thy children,
Gladly we greet thee, altogether lovely!
Peace be within thy classic halls and temples.
Hail, Alma Mater dear!

Dear Alma Mater, tenderly thy children
Gather and bring to thee gracious salutations.
Comrades, your voices lift once again in chorus;
Hail, Alma Mater dear!

Benediction

Jefferson P. Rogers
Director, Howard Thurman Program

Recessional

In Resurrectione Tua Christe — Jacobus Gallus

Stetson University Brass Ensemble

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Mission

Our mission at Stetson University is to provide an excellent education in an intellectually challenging and collaborative learning community. We pursue excellence through superior teaching, close student/faculty interaction, creative and scholarly activity, and programs solidly grounded in liberal learning. We seek academically talented students with leadership potential and records of personal growth and community service. We prepare them for rewarding careers, selective graduate and professional programs, and a lifetime of learning. Building on Stetson's Christian tradition, we pursue truth in an open and caring environment that is socially and religiously diverse. The university encourages all members of its community to be morally sensitive and effective citizens committed to active forms of social responsibility.

Heritage

Stetson University, Florida's first private university, was founded in 1883 by Henry A. DeLand, a New York philanthropist, as DeLand Academy. In 1887, the Legislature of the State of Florida enacted the Charter of DeLand University as an independent and autonomous institution of higher learning. The university name was changed in 1889 to honor John B. Stetson, the nationally known hat manufacturer who gave generously of his time and means to advance the quality and reputation of the institution, and who served, with Mr. DeLand and others, as a founding trustee of the university.

The first charter stated the objective of the university should be "to promote the general interests of education, and to qualify its students to engage in the learned professions or other employments of society, and to discharge honorably and usefully the various duties of life."

Stetson's first president, Dr. John F. Forbes, clearly described the commitment to teaching, which has been a hallmark of the university throughout its history:

"Buildings, libraries and apparatus are good and give added power, but the vital contact of students with a vigorous and stimulating mind and heart – this is the *sine qua non* of a successful education... The most important thing is to find men and women of large heart and mind, apt to teach and full of enthusiasm and stimulating power... to develop in the student the habit of independent judgment – of investigating statements and principles for oneself, and thus for oneself discover their truth or falsity."

The men and women who comprise the university's current faculty would find nothing to dispute in that statement.

Mace

The use of maces by corporations dates back to the 13th century. Maces were originally war instruments used for organizing mayhem and were carried by the sergeant-at-arms of the organization. In the European and in the older American universities it symbolizes the dignity and authority of the president and the corporation or the board of trustees.

Stetson's mace, designed by Episcopalian Canon Edward Nason West of New York, was presented to former president J. Ollie Edmunds in 1956 at the May Commencement ceremony. Canon West, of the Cathedral Church of St. John the Divine, is a leading authority on heraldry and the ancient symbolism on which much academic protocol is based.

The mace is described here by the artist:

"Stetson's mace is designed so that anyone could easily place the university's geographic location and chartering power. The palm buds from Florida's state seal form a base for the head of the mace. The legend around the bowl makes the particular institution's motive clear. The crenulations constitute what is known as a "canting device" since they are a play on the Latin word "stet" meaning "may it stand." The anchor, heart and cross – repeated twice in ornamenting them – are taken from the seal of the City of DeLand. From the top of the mace rises the shield of the university. The mace takes its basic shape from the mace of the Baptist Long Parliament, thus signifying the Baptist roots of the university."

The mace was made by Daniel Spencer, master gold and silversmith, of William Comyns & Sons, Ltd., London. The firm was established in 1645 and examples of its craftwork can be found in St. Paul's Cathedral and Westminster Abbey.

Medallion

The President's Medallion, worn at all official academic occasions, was cast for the inauguration of former Stetson President John E. Johns in 1969. The medallion, cast in silver, is the university seal embraced by a wreath of laurel.

The Stetson Colors

The Stetson colors, green and white, were adopted about the time as the seal. At the first commencement in 1893 the stage was decorated in Green and White. It is believed that the colors were chosen from the rich green of the orange trees and the pure white of the orange blossoms, a magnificent sight in the spring throughout Florida's great citrus belt. The color white represents purity and green signifies growth.

Academic Attire

The traditional pageantry of an academic procession, such as the one which opens today's commencement exercises, is one of the impressive spectacles of our time. Its significance is attested by the array of handsome gowns and vividly colored hoods worn by members of the Board of Trustees, the faculty, and other officers of the university. These display the symbols of scholarly attainment.

The earliest illustrations of gowns worn at Oxford University in England somewhat resemble cassocks worn by English teachers who found good use for the hood, or cowl, as protection against weather. The American system of academic heraldry indicates the level of a degree, the field of study in which it was earned, and the institution by which it was granted.

The American mortarboard, derived from the soft Oxford cap, is black. Its tassel, for holders of the bachelor's and master's degrees, is usually black, although gold tassels may be worn by holders of doctoral degrees and heads of institutions. The tassel is worn on the right side of the cap by undergraduates, on the left by holders of bachelor's and higher degrees.

It is the hood that provides academic regalia its color and offers the most information about its wearer. The silk lining of the hood bears the color, or colors, of the degree-granting college or university; its velvet facing reveals the color assigned to each area of study. The doctor's gown may bear velvet trimming on the front and sleeves – such as dark blue for Doctors of Philosophy. A few institutions, mostly overseas but some in this country, authorize the wearing of colored robes, departing from the traditional black and brightly displaying the official colors of the university.

Faculty Colors

Arts, Letters, Humanities	White
Business, Accountancy	Drab
Economics.	Copper
Education.	Light Blue
Fine Arts.	Brown
Journalism	Crimson
Law.	Purple
Library Science	Lemon
Music	Pink
Oratory (Speech)	Silver Gray
Philosophy	Dark Blue
Physical Education	Sage Green
Public Administration	Peacock Blue
Science	Golden Yellow
Social Science	Cream
Social Work	Citron
Theology	Scarlet

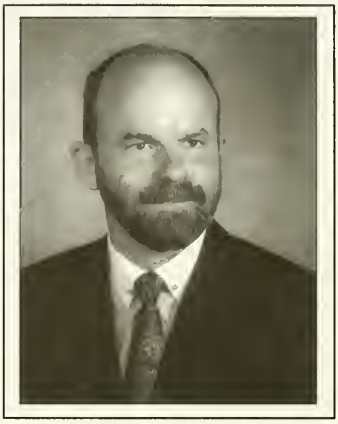
The University Seal

The circular seal of Stetson University was first adopted between 1889 and 1891, about the time the name of the institution was changed from DeLand College to John B. Stetson University. It first appeared on a university catalog in 1891. The drawing was by an artist-in-residence and approved by President Forbes, Henry DeLand and John B. Stetson, as well as by the Board of Trustees. The Latin Motto, "Pro Deo et Veritate," is translated "For God and Truth." The Lamp, signifying the Light of Truth, rests on the Book of Wisdom.

The seal has been altered slightly several times in the course of Stetson's history. The current version reflects the university's new charter, dated 1995, officially changing the university's name from John B. Stetson University to Stetson University, while maintaining its most prominent and traditional elements: The Motto, the Lamp and the Book of Wisdom.

Commencement Speaker

Dr. David Dysart



Stetson University's 1999 McEniry Award for Excellence in Teaching recipient, Dr. David Dysart, is an associate professor of foreign languages known for both inspiring and supporting his students.

The McEniry Award is the most prestigious honor given to a DeLand campus faculty member. Selections are made jointly by faculty and students, and all 25 recipients have been both outstanding scholars and excellent teachers.

A member of Stetson's faculty since 1991, Dr. Dysart earned his doctorate and master of arts degrees in German from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. The Los Angeles native also holds a bachelor of science degree in industrial management from Auburn University in Alabama, and was a Fulbright-Hays Scholar in Germany before completing a master of international business studies degree at the University of South Carolina, Columbia. Dr. Dysart's areas of expertise include 19th-century German literature, the novella and narrative theory. His research interests are Theodor Storm, business German, and the concept of nationalism and identity in German history.

Dr. Dysart's students praise his willingness to give his time both inside and outside the classroom, his sensitivity to their academic difficulties, and his ability to motivate them to achieve their academic potential. He is especially known for his inventive and lively approaches to teaching everything from basic grammar to literary analysis. This professor's goal is to instill within his students a passion for the subject matter, as well as learning for learning's sake. He views his vocation as teacher, mentor and scholar as a testament to the legacy of his own teachers – from high school through graduate school – who helped shape his love of teaching and learning.

Outside the classroom, Dr. Dysart enjoys working in the formal Italian garden of his home in historic downtown DeLand. He credits his father and late mother for providing him with a "shining example of how to live decently and passionately."

Candidates for Degrees

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Master of Arts

Jennifer Lynn Carney
Palm Coast, Florida

Master of Education

Patty Gail Cloy
Winter Park, Florida

Christopher Gray Daniels
Orlando, Florida

Roberta Jean Zimmerly Drier
Winter Haven, Florida

Carleane Cornelious Earle
Winter Garden, Florida

R. Jeremy Hill
Ormond Beach, Florida

Kevin M. Kendrick
Orlando, Florida

Valerie Nelsen Saunders
Satsuma, Florida

Patrice York Still
Apopka, Florida

Jennifer Pegram Williams
Lake Mary, Florida

Master of Science

John Henry Brennan
Ocala, Florida

Marian Smith Corbyons
DeLand, Florida

Crista Angela Cueto
DeLand, Florida

Martha Hewett
Orange City, Florida

Paul Joseph Luby
DeLand, Florida

Angel Marie Martinez
Dunnellon, Florida

Richard Douglas Miller, Jr.
Port Orange, Florida

Deborah Roberts Pattillo
Ocala, Florida

Sean Arthur Richter
DeLand, Florida

Shannon Leigh Sweeney
Altamonte Springs, Florida

Karin Charlotta Weiri
Ormond Beach, Florida

Master of Business Administration

Mark Darren Austin
St. Petersburg, Florida

Susan Diane Bailey
Palm Harbor, Florida

Tiffany Marie Chill
Orlando, Florida

Jason A. Gonzalez
Naples, Florida

Master of Business Administration.....*continued*

Rebecca González
Valrico, Florida

Matthew Raymond Hogle
DeLand, Florida

Susan Marks Jaros
St. Petersburg, Florida

Steven Keith Jonas
New Port Richey, Florida

Jocelyn Juarez
St. Petersburg, Florida

Erik Jason Kraby
DeBary, Florida

Kelly Ann Loughner
Daytona Beach, Florida

Andrew Lincoln Lyon IV
Deltona, Florida

Payal Mathur
DeLand, Florida

Eva Marie Medved
Celebration, Florida

Lisa Ann Nelson
Gulfport, Florida

Haydee C. Oropesa
St. Petersburg, Florida

Christen Jane Rano
DeLand, Florida

Amy M. Richter
Tangerine, Florida

Davin E. Rieke
Lantana, Florida

Taucier Ann Smalls
Crestview, Florida

Terri Lynn Thomas
St. Petersburg, Florida

Richard B. Weinman
Longwood, Florida

Kristin Marie Winer
Ocoee, Florida

Master of Accountancy

Michael Kurek
Sarasota, Florida

Amy Elizabeth Parks
Ft. Myers, Florida

Bachelor of Arts

Joseph Barnabas Crain III
Palatka, Florida
Social Science Education

Johanna Marie Doege
Geneva, Florida
French and Elementary Education

Maggie Lynn Elkin
Orlando, Florida
Humanities

Marsha Samantha Forbes
London, England
English

Charles Andrew Fritz
Columbia, Pennsylvania
History

Tamara Andrea Glickman
Ronkonkoma, New York
Humanities

Roselyn Delilah Henderson
Port Saint Lucie, Florida
Communications

Bradley Scott Madlem
Dixon, Kentucky
Sociology

Bethan Jane Nazzaro
Winchester, Massachusetts
Elementary Education

Ashley Alison Neeb
Miami, Florida
Elementary Education

Bachelor of Arts.....*continued*

Marie-Helene Newberry
Marietta, Georgia
American Studies

Thomas Rabeno
Deltona, Florida
History

James Benton Raymer
Lake Helen, Florida
English

Jessica Payne Ryder
Dunnellon, Florida
Philosophy

Kristy Marie Sloan
Sarasota, Florida
Psychology

Kelly Nicole Stevens
South Yarmouth, Massachusetts
Elementary Education

Sarah Layne Stringer
Tampa, Florida
Psychology

Katherine Paulette Terranova
Palm City, Florida
Sociology

Bachelor of Science

Joy Kristin Bang
DeLand, Florida
Biology

William Charles Bowles, Jr.
New Port Richey, Florida
Political Science

Susan Leigh Brockmeyer
Palm Beach Gardens, Florida
Psychology

Tory Ann Calleri
Sebastian, Florida
Movement Therapy

Laura Elizabeth Capitano
St. Augustine, Florida
Psychology

Laura Marie Cazella
Oviedo, Florida
Exercise Science

Joshua Edward Crow
St. Petersburg, Florida
Computer Science

Sarah Darlene Dearing
St. Augustine, Florida
Elementary Education

Amy Lynn Darling
Crystal River, Florida
Exercise Science

Ambika Devacaanthan
Ft. Myers, Florida
Movement Therapy

Garrett Matthew Fermoyle
Warroad, Minnesota
Computer Science

Kelly Patrick Hite
Tampa, Florida
Exercise Science

Farzana Abdul Jiwan
Longwood, Florida
Movement Therapy

Jeremiah Benjamin Joseph
Englewood, Florida
Biology

Anthony Leonardo Llorens
Sarasota, Florida
Chemistry & Biochemistry

Shawn Robert McGuigan
Rye, New York
Political Science

Richard Hillary Rodriguez
DeLand, Florida
Psychology

Angela Christine Ryan
Iowa City, Iowa
Athletic Training

Lisa Kay Tifft
DeLand, Florida
Psychology

Kerry Lewayne Wheeler
Plant City, Florida
Biology

Evelyn Lane Young
Birmingham, Alabama
Psychology

Bachelor of Music

Argarita Nichole Johnson
Mastic, New York
Music Performance

Andrew Lee Kuritzky
Orlando, Florida
Elective Studies in Digital Arts

Bachelor of Music Education

Clara Jean Knotts
DeLand, Florida
Instrumental/General

Cory J. Lowery
DeLand, Florida
Instrumental/General

Lee Michael Morrison
Miami, Florida
Instrumental/General

Bachelor of Business Administration

Charles Lowrey Baetzman, Jr.
Tavares, Florida
Accounting-Public

Alexander Baker
Quepos, Costa Rica
International Business

Jason Edward Broadbent
Herndon, Virginia
General Business Administration

Stephen Charles Bullock
Frankfort, Kentucky
General Business Administration

Ashley Benton Collins
Jacksonville, Florida
General Business Administration

Andrew Thomas Coulson
Kansas City, Missouri
General Business Administration

Jennifer Anne France
Daytona Beach, Florida
General Business Administration

Marina Kazuyo Fukushita
Osaka, Japan
Accounting-Public

Jason Warren Hopson
Lakeland, Florida
General Business Administration

William Russell Horton
DeLand, Florida
General Business Administration

Tiffany Margaret Kechler
Plano, Texas
Marketing

Dawn Marie Legnini
Boynton Beach, Florida
Management

Peter R. Lemer
New York City, New York
General Business Administration

Christine Olga Markey
Clermont, Florida
Marketing

Lisa Jill Marsh
Longwood, Florida
Marketing

Scott Matthew Mascioli
Huntington Woods, Michigan
Management

Merry Jil McAleer
Daytona Beach, Florida
Computer Information Systems

Patricia Montiel
Caracas, Venezuela
International Business

Bachelor of Business Administration.....*continued*

Tracey Jean Robinson
Weston, Florida
Management

Melissa Anne Shepherd
Bridgetown, Barbados
International Business

Robert Paul Smith
Lake Helen, Florida
Marketing

Jennifer Louise Sutton
Orlando, Florida
Finance

Sidney Howard Taylor II
DeLand, Florida
General Business

William Herbert Thornton III
Valrico, Florida
Marketing

Stephen James Vail
Winter Garden, Florida
Management

Misty Dawn Wilson
Titusville, Florida
Marketing

Rubelette Charo Wilson
Basseterre, St. Kitts West Indies
Finance

Graduation Honors

Magna Cum Laude

Garrett Matthew Fermoyle

Marsha Samantha Forbes

Anthony Leonardo Llorens

Lisa Jill Marsh

Angela Christine Ryan

Kristy Marie Sloan

Cum Laude

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